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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1909.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Palestine and vicinity:  
Tonight fair; not so cold;  
Friday increasing cloudiness;  
warmer.

## DECEMBER 9 IN HISTORY.

1600—Marriage of Henry IV of England and Mary de Medici.  
1608—John Milton, English poet, born. Died Nov. 8, 1674.  
1798—King of Sardinia abdicated.  
1830—The first locomotive built in the United States was finished and tested at the foundry at West Point, N. Y.  
1847—Sir Donald Campbell became lieutenant governor of Prince Edward Island.  
1850—Emma Abbott, famous singer, born in Chicago. Died in Salt Lake City, Jan. 5, 1891.  
1867—Reconstruction convention met in Atlanta.  
1896—A. R. McClellan appointed lieutenant governor of New Brunswick.  
1900—John L. M. Irby, former U. S. senator from South Carolina, died at Laurens, S. C.  
1902—Vermont substituted for her prohibitive liquor law a local option high license measure.  
1908—General Hugh Cameron, the "Kansas Hermit," died in Topeka.

## WHAT'S THE ANSWER?

Do we, as a people, appreciate the high-brow? The evidence usually says, nay, nay. Most of the time we are for the low-brow. A new evening play, a new evening play, the leading exponent in this country of Shakespearean plays, appeared in one of the best of those plays in Fort Worth, when lo, the house was only partly filled, which condition led Sir Clarence Ousley of the Fort Worth Record to ask why. Sir Clarence calls attention to the fact that his good city is full of literary clubs devoted to the study of Shakespeare and other classics, but when it comes to the choice between spending money to get a better knowledge of such masterpieces and for the ordinary giggle shows, the giggles win by almost the whole distance. When Sir Clarence gets the right answer he will also have the answer to why so many trashy plays succeed where the better class fail. It is up to the people to direct the class of plays offered. If they demand the higher class they will get them, but as long as they shove money under the box office window to see the giggling kind they will get them, and more of them. Theatrical managers present the plays that are sought and patronized by the patrons. So, we ask with Sir Clarence, do we appreciate the high-brows? When it costs us money?

The weather man failed to call the turn on this morning's cold snap, and

THE  
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COMING, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY:  
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the water pipes stuck in the ice as a result.

Few papers have ever been handed a two pound lemon by a subscriber, as was the Herald yesterday. And we may deserve it.

Jack Frost certainly romped on things around here last night, and this morning left a white scared face in all the turnip patches and cotton fields.

Johnson is an out and out state-wider, Colquitt is an out and out anti, and Davidson is a submissionist with anti leanings. Pick your choice, gentlemen.

If you haven't secured space in the Saturday Holiday Edition of the Herald, Mr. Merchant, you are overlooking a good opportunity. Come quick if you want to be in.

Beginning with the first of next year Uncle Sam will take a hand in the prosecution of shippers who send liquor into dry territory. This new law is going to help prohibition to prohibit.

From the immense crowds in the stores these days it seems that many people are determined to do their holiday shopping early and be through with it. After Monday you may look out for a crush and a rush.

Waco is becoming the blue ribbon center for mass meetings. One was held Monday night to discuss the penitentiary question. The best way to handle the rest of the prison problem is to correct the evils in the system, and to punish those guilty of brutalities. Let the work proceed.

An old story, in good form, is told in the following: A Kansas exchange prints the following:

An Elk county citizen who has just graduated from a law school wrote to a prominent lawyer in an Arkansas town to find out what chance there would be for him in that part of the country, says the Kansas City Times. "I am a republican in politics," he wrote, "and an honest lawyer." "If you are an honest lawyer," came the reply, "you will have no competition, and if you are a republican the game law will protect you."

Fifteen years ago the story was told at the expense of Hon. Jas. B. Wells, of Brownville, "the King of the Rio Grande." A young lawyer in Indiana was the author of the letter of inquiry and Judge Wells was credited with the unique reply.—Dallas Times Herald.

Without presuming to suggest any plan of action to the Organized Charities in its Christmas work, the Herald hopes that special efforts will be made to bring happiness to the children of the poor. Every child likes toys and things that glitter and shine under the Christmas lamp. Undoubtedly there are enough toys in the homes here, of which the owners have grown tired, to provide every one with something of this kind, and it would be an easy matter to collect such and get them into the hands of other children. Or what is better, follow the noble plan of two Palestine tots known to this writer. Every year they take the pin money they have saved during the year and select some family of children and they act Santa Claus to these. They spend their money in their own way, and knowing what children like best their presents are always of the right kind to bring happiness to those receiving them. It is a noble little act for these tots and they are made happy by making others happy. There are more serious problems in the world than the giving of toys to children, but few things that count more at this time of year. A sad little face at Christmas time is a protest against the boasted goodness of Santa Claus and the spirit back of him.

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# MONEY GONE

APPROPRIATION EXPENDED FOR REHABILITATING THE RUSK IRON FURNACE.

## THE FURNACE WILL CLOSE

At Least That Is Likely What Will Result, After Forty-Five Days' Attempt at Iron-Making By the State Convicts.

The Herald learns incidentally that failure has again been written against the state attempting to make iron-making profitable at the Rusk prison. Forty-five days have been spent in operating the furnace, after large sums were expended in rehabilitating the furnace and plant, and the product is said to be inferior, and is made at a cost of production greater than can be obtained for the finished product. This is the opinion of the penitentiary board, which met at Rusk yesterday, and it is the opinion of Rusk prison officials.

The \$100,000 appropriated for the work has been expended, and the furnace is now shut down. It may be fired up again, to finish up the ore on hand, and the pig iron on hand may be made into pipe. That, however, is not yet definitely settled.

In all \$320,000 has been swallowed up during the Campbell administration in an effort to make a go of the plant, \$220,000, so it is claimed, was taken from the penitentiary funds soon after Campbell was inaugurated governor, and expended in an effort to make the plant a success. Later the state legislators were convinced by penitentiary officials that \$100,000 was sufficient to establish the plant on a paying basis. Now, after a forty-five days' test, the board, and the penitentiary officials, are convinced it is a losing proposition.

There has been a public clamor for the running of this plant, and it was a cherished hope that the plant could be made to be self-sustaining, at least. But that hope is gone. It costs more, so it is claimed, to mine the ore, haul it to the works, convert it into pigs, and then into commercial iron than the penitentiary management can get for the finished product. With the last appropriation a great deal of money was expended in rebuilding and improving the plant.

During the Campbell administration many changes were made in the buildings, furnace, and plant generally, but with all these changes and improvements, it did not bring the cost of production down to meet the price at which the iron had to be sold.

A gentleman in a position to judge says he will not state it is for lack of experience on the part of those in charge, though that may have been one of the causes of failure. However, he said he did believe that individuals could make a success of the industry, where ample capital was backed up by experienced operatives.

The more than four hundred men, working in and around the Rusk prison and furnace, will be reduced to about two hundred, the remainder being sent out to the farms and to Huntsville.

Outside the furnace proposition the board reports the penitentiary system in good financial condition, and in better shape than when the Campbell administration took charge. There have been many improvements in the buildings on the farms, comforts for the prisoners have been added, and conditions generally improved.

The board, with its other work, is investigating all complaints of cruelties, etc., and is doing all possible to bring about such reforms as are desired.

Superintendent J. A. Herring was here last night, and left today for Huntsville. Financial Agent A. M. Barton is spending today in the city, looking after the interests of the State Railroad, etc.

According to previous announcement the board has taken over the State Railroad, and will manage it as it manages other state penitentiary property. The offices of general manager, assistant general manager, etc., have been abolished, and the operating expenses have been greatly reduced. Mr. Barton is of the opinion that the road can be made to pay a dividend sufficient to take care of the interest on the bonds, the upkeep of the road, etc.

## Take Notice.

Come to the car and buy a box of choice apples for Christmas, cheap. Will keep nicely. 8-tf

Have you heard about those good cakes and pies that the Episcopal ladies will have on sale Dec. 15 and 16? Take one home as a surprise to your wife. 8-tf

Phone 73 for good wood. 7-tf

Currie and Earle. The management says: Austin and Sweet closed their engagement at the New Lyric Theatre last night, and a good size house was present, despite the cold weather. The subjects in motion pictures projected last night were "The Bohemian Girl," a high art Pathe film, "Hippo Hunting," and a comedy picture "No Fool Like an Old Fool." Tonight the Lyric will open with "The Great Divide."

AMUSEMENTS.

The Matinee Girl Company. The Matinee Girl company opened at the Temple last night for two nights. The show is practically the same as when seen here last year, and most of the same fun is still being done.

"The Gingerbread Man."

A press notice says: There has been no show in many years just like "The Gingerbread Man," the new musical fantasy by Frederic Rankin and A. Baldwin Sloane, which comes to the New Temple Theatre Saturday, Dec. 11, matinee and night, with the original Liberty Theatre, New York City, production. And just because it is so different accounts for its universal endorsement by public and press. It appeals to all ages and all classes of intelligence, for its chief characters are, or have been, friends of all. The bringing to life of our nursery friends, Kris Kringle, Simple Simon, Margery Daw, Peter Piper and the rest, is in itself delightful, but add to these the gorgeously picturesque costuming, the ensemble dancing, the classy, catchy music and the bright, spirited, humorous dialogue, story and situation, and one finds a combination irresistible. Then, too, "The Gingerbread Man" has one of the strongest of casts. Such a collection of players as Wm. Cameron, Ross Snow, Garick Major, Lufe Vrohman, the Great Kavano, Inez Girard, Helen Keers, Rose Murray, are names that one seldom sees in a single cast, besides a vast concourse of beautiful show girls and bewitching choristers, making an organization of sixty-two people.

## The Great Divide.

A press notice says: "The Great Divide" will be presented under the direction of Henry Miller at the New Temple Theatre Monday night, December 13. Over five hundred thousand people paid to see this play in New York City alone during the past two seasons' run at the Princess and Daly theatres. No play ever written has been so emphatically endorsed by the leading critics and reviewers of the daily press, the magazines and the periodicals. Local playgoers are to be congratulated upon this early opportunity to see this great play.

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